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In re Application of: )  
Tomokuni Wauke )  
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For Thin Inner Rotor Motor for Rotatably )  
Driving Medium, and Disk Apparatus )  
Using the Same )

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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 4-178161 discloses that the stator is disposed on the outer side of the periphery of the rotor.

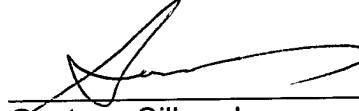
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION		U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS				
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE
	A1	5,418,416	05/1995	Müller		

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES NO
	A2	Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 4-178161	06/1992	Japan		X (partial)

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